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SUBJ: KIM CHONG-PIL ON TROOP CUTS AND U.S. COMMAND AUTHORITY

1. KYUNGHYANG SINMUN MARCH 7 CARRIES REPORT FROM JAPANESE YOMIURI, INDICATING THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL HAD TOLD PREMIER FUKUDA DURING THEIR RECENT MEETING OF AN ALLEGED AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND ROK WHEREBY U.S. COMMAND OVER ROK FORCES WOULD BE ENDED IF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA REDUCED BY MORE THAN 4 OR 5 THOUSAND. STORY ATTRIBUTED TO "DIPLOMATIC SOURCE" IN TOKYO ON MARCH 6.

2. VERSION OF STORY CARRIED IN YOMIURI'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION DID NOT, WE UNDERSTAND, INCLUDE SPECIFIC FIGURE, BUT NOTED ONLY REFERENCE TO A "CERTAIN LIMIT." NOT CLEAR TO US WHERE KYUNGHYANG GOT ITS FIGURE OF 4-5,000, ALTHOUGH ASSUME IT MAY HAVE BEEN IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE VERSION.

3. PRESS SOURCES HAD INDICATED THAT THIS STORY WITHHELD FROM PUBLICATION ON THE ORDERS OF THE ROKG. KYUNGHYANG'S USE OF IT PROBABLY INADVERTENT RESULT OF RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES.

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